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Capital Planning Minutes 10-18-2001

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC)

MEETING MEMORANDUM

October 18, 2001

In attendance were:

- * Steve Andrew
- John Bilafer
- David Kale
- John FitzMaurice
- Charles T. Foskett, Chairman
- Nancy T. Galkowski
- * Anthony T. Lionetta
- A. L. Minervini
- Barbara Thornton

Not in attendance: *

Minutes October 4, 2001

Minutes of October 4 approved as amended.

Review of Bond limit model and requests

C. Foskett reviewed with committee members, in general, how much revenue would be available over next 5 years for Capital expenditures. It appears, at this time, that the Town could bond approximately \$26M. To date there are \$32M in requests for bonded items. Additionally the committee has to review the projected cash expenditures, as they are higher than originally projected.

Report of Administration Subcommittee

School Department Requests

J. Fitzmaurice and A.L. Minervini met with K. Donovan, D. Kale, and B. Ceurvels, Superintendent of Buildings Maintenance, on October 18 to review the school department capital requests.

Field House

The Field House proposal at the High School site is estimated to cost \$7.9M. It is anticipated to be financed by \$2.86M in remediation reimbursements, \$3M from SBAB (55-63% reimbursement potential), \$1M in private donations and the remainder through Town appropriations. The Committee asked D. Kale to investigate several questions on this proposal:

1. Can the construction schedule be moved to future years?
2. Can the design costs be funded through the remediation reimbursement?
3. Can the remediation money be placed in a trust fund? How secure is this money?
4. Firm up the date lines.

Mr. Kale indicated that the potential SBAB reimbursement schedule could be 6-7 years unless specific legislation is achieved.

Telephone System at Ottoson

Request is for \$75,000. A.L. Minervini estimates a three-year payback. Estimated decrease in operating costs of \$25,000 per year.

Interior Painting

Eliminate requests. This is a maintenance issue and not a capital expenditure.

Irrigation Systems-Brackett, Hardy & Bishop

The subcommittee recommends that the request be reduced to \$25,000 with the additional money to come from the \$114,000 remaining in the Brackett Renovation Fund.

John Bilafer expressed his strong opposition to the expenditure of any additional capital planning committee money for any school that has been or is being renovated. The concern is that items are left out of the school building projects because of limited funds with the intention of placing them in the capital at a later date. Charles Foscett concurs with John Bilafer. He is not in favor of any money being spent on schools that have recently been built.

Ottoson-Magnetic Door Holders/Door Hardware (62 doors)

The subcommittee recommends this expenditure, as it is a safety issue. Again members expressed concern with this not being addressed during the renovations. If it is truly a safety issue then the schools should fund it through their operating budget.

Air Conditioners

The subcommittee recommends \$7,500/year. This will replace window units in the High School on the 6th floor, in the computer labs, and in rooms where the employees work 12 months a year. In the elementary schools the principals areas and library generally are air-conditioned.

Arlington High School Roof

The subcommittee recommends in favor of this expenditure.

Policy Guidelines

The Administration Subcommittee was requested to establish policy guidelines for the Capital Planning Committee to use in determining expenditures for school buildings which have recently been renovated or replaced. These should be presented in draft form at the next meeting.

The Capital Planning Committee will invite Kay Donovan to the November 29 meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2001 at 4PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.